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The IURC Relieves Telecommunications Carriers of Regulatory Burden and Streamlines Application Process

INDIANAPOLIS – As of August 8, 2008, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("IURC") will no longer require telecommunications applicants to provide a copy of the subject application or notice to all facilities-based local exchange carriers ("LECs") in the state of Indiana.

This Order stems from the passage of HEA 1279 and the Commission's goal to reduce regulatory burden on telecommunications carriers. Before this Order was issued, the Commission required applicants to provide "a copy of a verified application to each local exchange carrier on the list [of facilities-based local exchange carriers] maintained by the Commission [.]" *Id.* at 3.

In addition to eliminating regulatory burden, the Commission also intends to modify the application for resold wide area telephone service ("WATS"), certificates of territorial authority ("CTAs") and notice of change forms. The modify forms can be found in Cause No. 38149.

All interested parties should submit comments in this Cause on or before Sept. 8, 2008, thirty (30) days from the date of this Order. If there are no objections or requests for a hearing, the Commission will issue a successor order with the revised forms.

For more information, visit the Telecommunications Division Web page at www.in.gov/iurc/2337.htm.

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The Commission is a fact-finding body that hears evidence in cases filed before it and makes decisions based on the evidence presented in those cases. An advocate of neither the public nor the utilities, the IURC is required by state statute to make decisions that balance the interests of all parties to ensure the utilities provide adequate and reliable service at reasonable prices.